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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 5933
Masaaki UENAKA et al. : Docket No. 2001_1736A
Serial No. 09/980,578 : Group Art Unit 1626 ✓
Filed December 3, 2001 : Examiner Andrea D. S. Small

PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION OF
NOVEL SUBSTITUTED PROPENONE DERIVATIVES

RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated May 28, 2003.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicant elected to prosecute the invention of Group VII(a), claims 20-21, drawn to compounds of formula (IV-9), with traverse.

As correctly noted by the Examiner, the non-elected claims are drawn to a process of preparing the elected compound of formula (IV-9), or preparing another compound using the elected compound of formula (IV-9).

Upon an allowance of the elected claims, rejoinder of the non-elected process claims is respectfully requested under the provisions of In re Ochiai.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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